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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended) An interlabial pad comprising:

a <u>first sheet forming a</u> surface side sheet <u>configured contacting a body</u>, the <u>first sheet</u> having a permeable property for liquid;

a second sheet independent from the first sheet and forming a back face side sheet configured to be positioned away from the body, the second sheet including a plurality of sheet pieces, each partially overlapping forming a back face side sheet and including a sheet piece having one end that overlaps another sheet piece over a range of 5 to 15 mm;

an absorbent body for absorbing liquid, the absorbent body being disposed and enclosed between the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet;

a junction joining the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet at a peripheral edge of the absorbent body;

at least one seam part of the second sheet formed by overlapping the plurality of sheet pieces over one another, the seam part including:

a longitudinal seam part extending in a longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad, crossing over the second sheet back face side sheet from an edge to another edge of the second sheet back face side sheet, and

an adhesive agent applied between the sheet pieces at the longitudinal seam part along [[the]] a longitudinal central line along the longitudinal direction,

wherein the sheet piece, which overlaps the other sheet piece at the longitudinal seam part and which covers a side closer to the [[a]] longitudinal central line of the interlabial pad, is positioned at the absorbent body side of the second sheet back face side sheet, and wherein the plurality of sheet pieces are each formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable material to enable separation of the second sheet into the sheet pieces when discarded by flushing and overlap with each other over a range of 5 to 15 mm to form the longitudinal seam part; and

a mini-sheet piece formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable material, the mini-sheet piece adhering to the back face side sheet at the junction of the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet and covering a portion of the back face side sheet to form a pocket between the mini-sheet piece and the back face side sheet, wherein a finger of a user may be inserted into the pocket for either applying the interlabial pad to be worn by the user or removing the interlabial pad from the user to be discarded.

Claims 2-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

wherein the seam part <u>further includes</u> is a lateral seam part extending in a lateral direction and <u>crossing over the longitudinal seam part</u> of the interlabial pad; and

a sheet piece, which overlaps another sheet piece at the lateral seam part and covers a side that becomes a dorsal side when the interlabial pad is fitted between labia, is positioned at the absorbent body side.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

wherein the seam parts contain the longitudinal seam part and a lateral seam part extending in the lateral direction of the interlabial pad; and

wherein a sheet piece, which overlaps another sheet piece at the lateral seam part and covers a side that becomes a dorsal side when the interlabial pad is fitted between labia, is positioned at the absorbent body side.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

wherein the back face side sheet is made uneven at least at the surface opposite to the absorbent body side.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A packaging body for individually packaging an interlabial pad, comprising:

a packaging sheet; and

an interlabial pad according to claim 1;

wherein the interlabial pad is covered by the packaging sheet; and

wherein the packaging sheet is provided with a continuous or discontinuous parting zone that is parted by actions of water, along which the packaging sheet is separated into a plurality of small sheet pieces after the packaging sheet is discarded in a toilet.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The packaging body for individually packaging an individual package of interlabial pad according to Claim 10;

wherein the packaging sheet is a liquid impermeable sheet with an impermeable property against liquid.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1 [[8]];

wherein at least one parting zone is formed with the seam part formed by overlapping the plurality of sheet pieces over one another.

Claims 13-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1; wherein the back face side sheet is made uneven at least at the surface opposite to the absorbent body side.

Claims 21, 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1, further comprising a folded portion at which another sheet piece is folded,

wherein the sheet piece and the other sheet piece is attached when the interlabial pad is folded in two during use, the other sheet piece being folded inwardly, the end of the sheet piece overlapping the other sheet piece at the folded portion.

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Claim 24 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the back face side sheet has at least one of four sheet pieces or nine sheet pieces two

sheet pieces including the sheet piece and the other sheet.

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the adhesive agent is applied in the range of 1 to $20g/M^2$.

Claim 27 (new): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising:

a mini-sheet piece formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable

material, the mini-sheet piece adhering to the second sheet at the junction of the first sheet and the

second sheet and covering a portion of the second sheet to form a pocket between the mini-sheet

piece and the second sheet, wherein a finger of a user may be inserted into the pocket for either

applying the interlabial pad to be worn by the user or removing the interlabial pad from the user to

be discarded.

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